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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-132e of the 2016 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The University of Connecticut [Health Center shall, in
5 consultation with the Yale University School of Medicine,] School of
6 Medicine, The University of Connecticut School of Nursing, the Health
7 Care Costs Containment Committee, as defined in section 3-123rrr, and
8 the Commissioner of Social Services shall, within existing budgetary
9 resources, jointly develop, implement and promote an evidence-based
10 outreach and education program concerning the therapeutic and cost-
11 effective utilization of prescription drugs for the benefit of licensed
12 physicians, pharmacists and other health care professionals authorized
13 to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs. [In developing such
14 program, The University of Connecticut Health Center shall consider
15 whether such program may be developed in coordination with, or as a

16 part of, the Connecticut Area Health Education Center.]

17 (b) The program [established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
18 section shall: (1) Arrange] (1) may arrange for licensed physicians,
19 pharmacists and nurses to conduct in person educational visits with
20 prescribing practitioners, utilizing evidence-based materials,
21 borrowing methods from behavioral science and educational theory
22 and, when appropriate, utilizing pharmaceutical industry data and
23 outreach techniques; [(2) inform prescribing practitioners about drug
24 marketing that is designed to prevent competition to brand name
25 drugs from generic or other therapeutically equivalent pharmaceutical
26 alternatives or other evidence-based treatment options; and (3)] and (2)
27 shall provide outreach and education to licensed physicians and other
28 health care practitioners who are participating providers in state-
29 funded health care programs, including, but not limited to, Medicaid,
30 the HUSKY Health program, the Department of Correction inmate
31 health services program and the state employees' health insurance
32 plan.

33 (c) The [University of Connecticut Health Center] program shall, to
34 the extent feasible, utilize or incorporate [into the program] other
35 independent educational resources or models that are proven to be
36 effective in disseminating high quality, evidenced-based, cost-effective
37 information to prescribing practitioners regarding the effectiveness
38 and safety of prescription drugs. [Such other resources or models that
39 The University of Connecticut Health Center reviews shall include: (1)
40 The Pennsylvania PACE Independent Drug Information Service
41 affiliated with the Harvard Medical School; (2) the Vermont Academic
42 Detailing Program sponsored by the University of Vermont College of
43 Medicine Office of Primary Care; and (3) the Drug Effectiveness
44 Review project conducted by the Oregon Health and Science
45 University Evidence-based Practice Center.]

46 (d) The [University of Connecticut Health Center shall] University
47 of Connecticut, or the Commissioner of Social Services may seek

48 federal funds and The University of Connecticut and the Health Care
 49 Costs Containment Committee may seek funding from
 50 nongovernmental health access foundations for the administration and
 51 operation of the program. [In addition, The University of Connecticut
 52 Health Center may seek funding from nongovernmental health access
 53 foundations for the program. The University of Connecticut Health
 54 Center shall not be required to develop, implement and promote the
 55 program described in this section, if federal, state and private funds in
 56 the aggregate are insufficient to pay for the initial and ongoing
 57 expenses of such program.]

58 (e) Not later than January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, The
 59 University of Connecticut School of Medicine, The University of
 60 Connecticut School of Nursing, the Health Care Costs Containment
 61 Committee and the Commissioner of Social Services shall jointly
 62 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
 63 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 64 matters relating to public health on the status of the program,
 65 including, but not limited to, the program's effectiveness in reducing
 66 state spending on prescription drugs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	10a-132e

Statement of Purpose:

To modify the requirements of the education program on utilization of prescription drugs in state programs and to require a report on the program's effectiveness in reducing state spending on prescription drugs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]